

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the first paragraph under the heading "Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments" on p. 8, as follows:

Figs. 1-9 illustrate a first embodiment of a shackle assembly 100 for transporting a poultry carcass (not shown) that is suspended by its legs along a processing path and over a weighing scale track 102 for weighing the carcass. The shackle assembly 100 includes a bird carrier 104 having a pair of stirrups 105 that are open at their upper ends for receiving the legs of a poultry carcass. A trolley support 106 secures the shackle assembly 100 to a trolley assembly (not shown) such as the trolley assembly 14 that is shown in Fig. 1 of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. ~~09/181,099~~ No. 6,179,702. For example, a bolt (not shown) may be fitted in the internally threaded portion 107 of the trolley support 106 for supporting the shackle assembly 100 from a continuous conveyor chain. However, the trolley support 106 may also be connected to, or modified in order to connect to, a wide variety of other types of conveyor lines.